

## CANAL IS TO BE FORTIFIED

HOUSE SETTLES IT BY VOTING  
\$3,000,000 FUND.

Taney's Final Attempt to Secure the Neutralization of the Isthmian Waters was Beaten—Lively Debate on the Subject—Money to Raise the Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Panama canal is to be fortified. By a vote of 123 yeas to 80 nays the House of Representatives to-day emphatically registered its opinion on that question. It is expected that the Senate will concur without delay and that the signing by the President of the sundry civil bill, containing \$3,000,000 for beginning the defense works, the duty of the United States in regard to the canal will be settled for all time.

By a decisive majority the amendment offered by Chairman Taney of the Appropriations Committee proposing diplomatic negotiations looking to the neutralization of the waterway prior to the expenditure of money for fortifications was beaten, as were other amendments intended to render ineffective the canal appropriation paragraph or to delay the beginning of the defense work for an indeterminate period.

With the passage of the big sundry civil bill at 10:30 o'clock to-night the consummation of work on the raising of the wreck of the battleship Maine is assured by an appropriation of \$350,000 and the duty of the Tariff Board for the remainder of the Taft Administration is also made certain by an appropriation of \$100,000. More than \$45,000,000 is provided for the continued construction of the Panama canal.

Of all the thousand and one items in the great sundry civil bill, carrying all told more than \$141,000,000, the one item that attracted the most attention, excited the greatest interest and received the most debate was the \$3,000,000 for canal fortifications. Some of the best speeches that have been heard in the House this session were on that subject. Mr. Taney, who is opposed to the fortification of the canal, as he is opposed to the expenditure of vast sums of money for purposes of all kinds, made a hard fight to defeat the fortification item, but he had no chance. The sentiment of the House, as disclosed by the vote, was overwhelmingly against him.

Alarming predictions were made by the anti-fortificationists as to the ultimate cost of canal defense plans. The fortification board has declared officially that the defenses will cost \$12,000,000. Mr. Taney said to-night they would cost \$60,000,000 at least and \$20,000,000 a year besides for their management and maintenance.

The advocates of fortifications declared these figures to be too high, but added that even if the figures were correct the sentiment of the House and of the American people was that the canal should be fortified and protected against the world.

Consideration of the sundry civil bill, with the exception of the appropriation of \$3,000,000 for beginning the work of fortifying the canal, was completed at 10:30 o'clock this afternoon. Then on motion of Chairman Taney of the Appropriations Committee it was agreed that the general debate should continue for two hours and that at the conclusion of this period debate under the five minute rule should be in order.

The advocates and opponents of the fortification proposition had been preparing for to-night's showdown for weeks. As a result some good speeches were made on both sides of the question. The most impressive oratorical efforts, however, were by Mr. Taney and his associate on the committee, Representative Sherley of Kentucky. Each held the attention of the House and was generously applauded. Mr. Taney held that the fortification of the canal was an invitation to attack and insisted that outside of the ultimate cost of the fortifications of the waterway, which he estimated at \$60,000,000, there would be an expenditure of \$20,000,000 a year in maintaining them.

Mr. Sherley, on the other hand, challenged any one to point to a neutrality agreement that had been adhered to by any of the contracting powers had any interest that lay the other way. He declared that the completion of the canal would practically give the United States a new coast line and that this country might better attempt to neutralize her waters and existing coast line than to attempt to protect the Isthmian waterway in this manner.

Other notable speeches were made by Representative Walter I. Smith of Iowa, speaking at length the fortification of the canal with respect to the existing treaty obligations; Gen. Keifer of Ohio, champion of the civil and Spanish-American wars, who supported Chairman Taney in his demand for the neutralization of the canal; and Representative Duff of Alabama, made a case of his country's war scare, addressed, with other members chiming in on this and other points of the question.

It is proposed to insist upon the fortification of the canal, said Representative Smith of Iowa, "because we have decided a great national policy, that we will defend the canal and would ourselves defend against all comers, because when we look from the treaties of fifty years ago against fortification it was an understanding of both parties to the canal that the right to fortify because of the faith of the republic is pledged to the canal against blockade, and that we have the right to defend the canal as the whole world."

Mr. Taney made a hard fight for his amendment providing that no part of the canal appropriation should be used in beginning the work of defense. The President had exhausted all his resources in an effort to preserve the neutrality of the waterway by his amendment.

It is proposed to invite the nations of the world to destroy the canal, said Mr. Taney. The last thing to do is to fortify the canal. It is an object of prey.

## PRESIDENT'S NEW SECRETARY

THE POST OFFERED TO CHAS. D. HILLES AND HE ACCEPTS.

He Is Now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and May Not Go to the White House Until April 1—Secretary Norton Retires to Go Into Business.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Charles D. Hilles, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will be President Taft's new secretary. The President offered the post to Mr. Hilles to-day and he has accepted.

Mr. Taft had hoped ever since the announcement that C. D. Norton, the present secretary to the President, would retire that Mr. Hilles would accept, but it was not until recently that he had reason to believe that Mr. Hilles would consider an offer.

Although no date has been set for the retirement of Mr. Norton, it is probable that he will quit the White House some time between the close of the present session of Congress and April 1.

The nomination of Robert O. Bailey, at present private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVane, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, succeeding Mr. Hilles, probably will be sent to the Senate early next week. Mr. Hilles may, however, continue in his present post for some time, even if Mr. Bailey is confirmed immediately.

The selection of Mr. Hilles to fill the chair occupied by Daniel Lamon, Gen. B. Cortelyou and William Loebl, Jr., meets with the hearty approval of friends of the President. Mr. Hilles came originally from Ohio, but was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury from Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., where he was conducting a boys' school. He has been highly regarded by Mr. Taft ever since he entered the Government service and possesses the friendship of influential members of Congress. The President has employed him frequently on important missions, political and otherwise, and he believes his judgment in political matters is especially good.

The post of secretary to the President has caused the President's friends a lot of worry since the day Mr. Taft entered the White House. Fred W. Carpenter, the first occupant of the post, remained only about a year and then was appointed Minister to Morocco.

Mr. Norton came to the White House last June from the Treasury, where he was one of Secretary MacVane's assistants. He is retiring voluntarily to go into business and the President accepted his resignation with great reluctance. It is reported that Mr. Norton is to become vice-president of the First National Bank of New York.

Mr. Hilles will go to the White House under favorable conditions so far as his friendships with public men go. He is about 40 years old.

The information that Mr. Norton would quit the office of secretary came out a few weeks ago when he had asked for an increase for his "successor"—from \$10,000 to \$10,500 a year. Since that time the President has looked about anxiously for a suitable man. Mr. Hilles at first refused to consider the post at all. He had made definite arrangements to go to New York and go into business. His change of mind came, it was said to-night, only after much persuasion and after he had been convinced that his tentative arrangements in New York could be broken without injustice to parties interested.

As Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Hilles draws \$4,500 a year. At present the post of secretary to the President pays \$6,000. An attempt to raise this amount to \$10,000 was successful in the Senate but not in the House. In some quarters, however, it is believed that the salary may finally be adjusted at \$7,500. No confirmation by the Senate is necessary for an appointee to this post.

## MADE TO HAND OVER \$10,000.

Woman Agent in Kansas of Express Company Robbed at Pistol Point.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Joseph postmistress at Fuller, a coal camp near here, was held up by two highwaymen last night and robbed of \$10,000 which she had just received by express from Kansas City. She was the agent of the company. The money was to have been used to pay the miners of the Sheridan coal company to-day. The money was in one package. Two other packages containing \$10,000 each were not found by the robbers. The money was sent from Kansas City last night on the Kansas City Southern Railroad. The train arrived at 6:30 o'clock and was met by Mrs. Joseph and Albert Briggs, cashier of the company.

Mrs. Joseph took a package containing \$10,523 and left the station first. As she stepped out of the door a masked man with a revolver confronted her and demanded the money. Another robber stood by. Mrs. Joseph handed over the money. Briggs, who was close behind, saw what was going on and threw his two packages containing \$10,000 each into a corner. The robbers did not linger to learn whether they had secured all the money, but ran to a buggy and escaped.

## BALDWIN'S POLE PLANS.

Is Going Up North, He Says, With Aeroplanes and Balloons.

DENVER, Feb. 25.—Capt. Evelyn Briggs Baldwin, who organized and commanded the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition to Franz Josef Land in 1901-02, made public for the first time this morning his plans of an Arctic expedition he is organizing to start about September, 1912.

The expedition will have aeroplanes and balloons as part of its equipment. The object will be to collect scientific data, leaving on the meteorological, geographical and biological conditions of the Arctic region, and to complete the magnetic survey now being made by the Carnegie Institution. Mr. Baldwin said: "What I propose to do is to start from about 150 miles north of Point Barrow. The ship will freeze in the pack of course, but we shall use the ice itself as a ship, on which we shall store supplies of food, oil and our scientific equipment. We shall not move very far from the base of supplies. The drift of the pack will carry us if not to the pole at least very close to it, so that a side expedition to the pole from the base of supplies would be an easy matter."

## FINED FOR CAT STEALING.

Janitor of Wellesley College Punished for Hauling on Tabbies.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—John Squires, a janitor in the employ of Wellesley College, appeared before a trial justice in Natick this afternoon upon a charge of stealing an angora cat belonging to Eleanor Bent of that town and after pleading guilty was fined \$15. The arrest was caused by Harold Brown, chief of the Natick police, who received frequent complaints about the disappearance of pet cats. He suspected that they were being picked up and disposed of at the college for dissecting purposes.

Chief Brown says he intends to ask for a summons for Albert T. Morse, professor of anatomy at Wellesley, to explain the disappearance of so many cats. He was brought before the court yesterday by the Natick police, who charged that he had stolen a cat from a girl student. So far as they knew the animals were purchased and not stolen. Dean Pendleton said the college had never investigated the manner in which the cats brought to the college were collected, but will do so hereafter.

Chief Brown interviewed Squires several days ago. He also called on Supt. Woods of the Wellesley College farm. Squires and Woods admitted that they were on the lookout for cats for use in the classes. The supply became depleted in the town where the college is situated and Squires was told to get them where he could. Woods told the chief that he expressly stipulated to Squires that no pet animals should be taken or bought. Only the wanderers were sought.

Chief Brown said: "The cat in question was a large white cat with black spots. The animal was valued by Mrs. Bent because it was a 'trick cat' and would do almost anything it was told to do."

"I went to college and had a talk with Squires. He confessed that he had been stealing cats in his town and also confessed that he had stolen this cat. This is common. It is no joke. It is a grievous offense."

"Squires admitted to me that he had stolen as high as seven cats in one day. His method was to come here in a carriage with a big gunny sack. He would chase cats in broad daylight. He generally paid a boy to hold his horse while he did the chasing. When he caught the cat he put it in his bag and drove off rapidly."

"One day a woman saw him chase one of her cats outside her house. She opened the window and yelled at him, asking why he was chasing her cat. Squires answered that he thought it was a stray cat and that he was taking it to the Rescue League. She reprimanded him and Squires didn't get the cat."

The chief saw a barn at the college farm yesterday where five cats that had not the appearance of having been fed for a long time were shown him as a part of the collection gathered by Squires. The chief is not an expert on cats, but he thinks from the way they moved to get out of the barn that they possess the proper spirit and probably belong to Natick.

## OPERATE AGAIN ON MR. CARRERE.

The Patient Shows Immediate Relief and Improves Slightly.

John M. Carrere, the architect, underwent a second operation early yesterday morning. It was explained last night that infection had developed about the wound, causing a condition suggesting meningitis, and a consultation of physicians was called at midnight on Friday to decide whether another operation was necessary.

Dr. John S. Thacher, Mr. Carrere's physician; Dr. Hartwell, Dr. Elliott, chief of staff at the hospital; Dr. Frederick Peterson, the neurologist; and Dr. Hartley, specialist in diseases of the head, were present at the consultation. They decided that a second operation was necessary, which involved trephining the skull again.

## MEDICAL SCHOOL CLOSED.

Diphtheria in Johns Hopkins Hospital Causes Shutdown of Classes.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—Owing to what appears to be a general outbreak of diphtheria among patients, nurses, physicians and students at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, dean of the Johns Hopkins medical school, to-day ordered the medical school to be closed until further notice. Three new cases of diphtheria were reported in the hospital to-day, making a total of thirty-six.

It was also reported that a child of one of the orderlies in the hospital has developed the disease in the last twenty-four hours. John Hazlewood, a clerk in the hospital and a second year medical student are the only new patients reported. Another medical student who is exhibiting symptoms of diphtheria is being watched.

As soon as Dr. Williams arrived at the hospital he realized that it was inadvisable to have the students in the hospital, in the dispensary or to have them assemble for class. Accordingly he directed that placards be printed informing the students that classes had been suspended pending further notice and warning them not to go into the hospital or to the dispensary.

Dr. Williams said the medical school might not resume classes for a week. Many of the students from out of town have returned or will return to their homes until notified that the ban is lifted.

## SAYS HE WAS HANDICAPPED AND FIGHT UP.

Henry Meyer, a junk dealer at 711 Chambers Street, complained to Capt. Toole of the Oak street station yesterday that on Friday afternoon a man came into his shop, said he was a detective, showed a yellow shield and slipped a pair of handcuffs on Meyer's wrists. Then he demanded money and when Meyer refused to give him any, knocked Meyer down.

Capt. Toole questioned his men. One of his detectives, it was said at Police Headquarters, admitted being in Meyer's shop on Friday, but denied Meyer's charges.

## TO TEACH GIRLS TO FARM.

MRS. BELMONT GIVES 200 ACRES FOR A SCHOOL.

Her Solution of the Problem of Over-supply of Factory Hands—Hopes the Pupils Will in the End Find Places of Their Own—May Be Self-Supporting.

After a year's investigation of the industrial conditions in and about New York city Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont has reached the conclusion that there is an oversupply of women factory workers and that the best relief is to persuade girls to take up farming as an occupation.

With this end in view she has set aside about 200 acres of her land at Brookholt, Hempstead, L. I., for a school of agriculture for women. An experienced woman farmer has been engaged to instruct the pupils in practical farming, and there will not be a man about the place except a boy or two to do the chores for the first few weeks.

"Of course I expect the undertaking to be self-supporting just as soon as it gets fairly started," said Mrs. Belmont yesterday afternoon. "Many farmers admit that their wives and daughters are their very best and most reliable helpers despite the fact that there seems to be a general impression among city people that women cannot do farm work. The few women who are to-day working and managing their own farms have certainly demonstrated that there is not a thing done on the farm that women cannot do."

"There are many women wage earners who enter the already crowded field of unskilled labor," continued Mrs. Belmont, "because they have had neither the incentive nor the opportunity to learn some highly remunerative occupation. The shirtwaist makers' strike last year in this city and the recent garment workers' strike in Chicago revealed working and home conditions fearful to contemplate. While these young girls have been spending the best years of their lives in overcrowded workrooms and unsanitary tenements for less than a living wage our rich soil has been spoiled by a living wage for the girls and 'mother' them and who would also teach them cooking, housekeeping and home making. The girls are to be paid while learning and their wages will increase proportionately to their skill."

"I hope," concluded Mrs. Belmont, "that the girls will eventually try to acquire a little land of their own, with a home and garden, and thereby secure an economic independence that years of toil in a city factory or store will not give them."

Young women 16 years of age and over desiring seriously to avail themselves of the opportunity to become experienced gardeners and farmers may apply in writing to the Political Equality Association, 505 Fifth Avenue, for admission to the school.

## ST. PAUL STOPS EXTENSIONS.

Actual Construction Now in Progress—Will Also Taper Off.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's refusal to allow the railroads to advance freight rates has had the immediate result of an order to retrench along the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound. A general order to that effect has been sent out from the headquarters in Chicago to every division on both roads. Extension work is halted by that order. Actual construction now in progress will taper off just gradually enough to leave no half finished structures exposed for deterioration. Plans for improvements to the service proper have been abandoned.

The partially completed double tracking on the La Crosse and River divisions of the St. Paul will be finished. The Everett branch of the Puget Sound, which is nearly done, will also be completed. Construction on all other branch lines will stop. The main line construction is practically completed. Money has already been provided to pay for that work, as well as for that on the Everett branch. No further financing will be necessary until the St. Paul's management changes its notion of the general prospect ahead.

## ARRESTED FOR NUGENT'S DEATH.

Attendant Relies at Matteawan Accused by Another Attendant.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 25.—After an all day investigation by Assistant District Attorney Edward Conger it was decided by County Judge Frank Hasbrouck to-night that the people had furnished evidence enough to warrant the arrest of Daniel Reilly, a young attendant at the Matteawan State hospital, on a charge of manslaughter, for causing, it is alleged, the death of John J. Nugent, the convict who was found dead in his cell on February 3.

The court fixed Reilly's bond at \$2,000 for a hearing before Judge Hasbrouck on the manslaughter charge. Former District Attorney George Wood went his bail and he was released to-night and returned to Fishkill.

The charge against Reilly is based on an affidavit made by George Galbraith, another attendant at Matteawan, who alleged that Reilly kicked and choked Nugent the day before he was found dead. Galbraith says his statement is the first he has made in the case and that there is nothing in it that is duplicated in the affidavit made by him which Lawyer John J. Donnelly has in his possession, news of which started Mr. Conger on his trail to-day.

In his affidavit before Judge Hasbrouck, Galbraith declared that he saw Attendant Reilly put a sheet around Nugent's neck, throw him over on the bed and kick him in the side. Galbraith, however, did not make this affidavit voluntarily.

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## CONGRESSMAN IN A FIGHT.

Three Young Men Jostle Hamer of Idaho in House Office Building.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A free for all fight, in which Representative Hamer of Idaho was one of the principals, took place in the House office building to-day. Mr. Hamer was leaving an elevator on his way from his office when he was jostled by three young men who were standing near by.

Mr. Hamer lectured the young men for being in his way. Angry words were exchanged and Mr. Hamer, it is said, charged upon them. In the scuffle that followed Representative Hamer fell. Seeing that the fight was going against him Mr. Hamer made a dash for the exit of the building.

While Mr. Hamer refused to discuss the affair to-night his friends say he will call the matter to the attention of the House on Monday.

## OBJECTS TO JUDGE'S COSTUME.

Court Garbed as Washington When Burton Was Convicted of Manslaughter.

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Feb. 25.—Charles Burton, found guilty of manslaughter, is asking for a new trial on the novel ground that the trial judge so impressed the jury by his apparel on February 23 that he was found guilty when otherwise he would have been cleared.

Judge Henderson presided at the trial and wishing to attend a Washington Birthday function at which all the guests would appear in Continental costumes he robed himself to represent Washington, and in wig, knee breeches and short coat appeared in the court room and occupied the bench in the afternoon.

The defendant asserts that the jury was so impressed with the court's splendor of apparel and by the dignity of the times that it recalled that it was led away from contemplation of the testimony.

## PROVISIONS GOING LOWER.

So Patrick Cudahy Says After a Study of Present Conditions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Patrick Cudahy, the packer, is a bear on provisions. "There can be only one logical side to the provision market until prices adjust themselves," Cudahy said to-day. "Corn is selling in the country at a price whereby hogs can be made for less than five cents and there seems to be no shortage of young hogs to feed it. So until hogs and corn come together there is no sense in looking for prices to remain anywhere near where they are now. I expect to see July and September products easily two cents a pound lower."

## PRIZE DOGS KILLED.

Lynfield Sales and Nigger Killed by an Enemy of Dan Lynn.

PORT HURON, Mich., Feb. 25.—Lynfield Sales, Dan Lynn's prize winning wire-haired fox terrier, which made a clean sweep at the recent dog show in New York, and Nigger, another well bred terrier, dead, the victims of a dog poisoner. Lynfield Sales, which was bred by Mr. Lynn, was considered by experts to be the best bred dog of its class in America and at the recent New York show defeated several international champions.

The dogs arrived home a few days ago after their successful campaign in the East and were waiting to be sent to other shows. Some time last night poisoned meat was thrown into the dog kennel and Lynfield Sales and Nigger ate the meat and died several hours afterward. Mr. Lynn has not yet returned to the city from the East and is not aware of the death of his prize winners.

## FEARRISING IN PORT AU PRINCE.

British Warship Needed at Haytian Capital—Dolphin Sent to Aux Cayes.

Special Cable Dispatch to the Star.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 25.—According to private advices received here, the British Consul at Port au Prince, Hayti, has telegraphed for a warship to protect British interests. A general rising in that city is imminent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Dolphin, now at Port au Prince, Hayti, has been instructed to proceed immediately to Aux Cayes, where in the burning of the town the American consular building was destroyed. The Dolphin will go to Aux Cayes to protect and assist the consular agent and American citizens there, provided the conditions of Port au Prince warrant her in leaving that place.

## APPROPRIATE TO THE TEXT.

The Rev. Mr. Clark's Theme When Thief Was Getting Away With His Overcoat.

A fur lined overcoat belonging to the Rev. John Lewis Clark, pastor of the Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church in Brooklyn, was stolen from the church parlor last Wednesday night while the Rev. Mr. Clark was preaching from the text "He who seeks it and takes it away is rewarded." After vainly trying to locate the stolen garment in order to get important church papers that were in an inside pocket the Rev. Mr. Clark decided yesterday to issue the following appeal to the thief:

To the thief who stole my overcoat: If there be any honor among thieves, please return to the church the address list which was in my inside pocket. If you pawned the coat, please mail me a ticket. If you still have the coat and will return it you will be more liberally rewarded than if you pawned it. No questions will be asked. Notwithstanding that you stole my overcoat, I think well of you and will pray with you. My only fear is that as you went to church to steal you would pick my pockets while I was at prayer with you. Please return the list you found in my coat, if not the coat, and you will be rewarded.

## BALLOON MISS SOFIA COMES DOWN.

DOVER, Mo., Feb. 25.—The \$6,000 cubic foot balloon Miss Sofia, with W. F. Eussman, pilot, and J. M. O'Reilly, aide, both of St. Louis, aboard, which left San Antonio, Tex., early last night with the hope of lifting the Latham cup, passed over Guthrie, Okla., northward bound at 8:40 o'clock this morning in a rain and wind storm, landed at Fowler, Clinton county, Mo., at 5:15 this afternoon.

## THREE ALIENS INSPECT ROBIN AGAIN.

Joseph G. Robin, the indicted banker who goes on trial on Monday before Justice Seabury in the Supreme Court on the charge of grand larceny, was the subject of a three hours examination by alienists yesterday.

The examination, which was made upon the request of W. T. Jerome, Robin's legal representative, was by Dr. Austin Flint, Dr. William Malton and Dr. Carlos J. Macdonald.

## SKIPPER AND 28 ARRESTED

AGENT OF GREEK STEAMSHIP COMPANY ONE OF THEM.

Government Charges Extensive Operations in Smuggling Aliens—The Arrests Made on Board the Athina on Her Arrival Heavy Bail Demanded.

Three United States Assistant District Attorneys, United States Marshal Hantert, five deputies and eight special deputies, together with Immigration Inspector Seraphic, went aboard the Hellenic Transatlantic Steam Navigation Company's ship Athina as soon as she docked yesterday afternoon at Pier 33, Brooklyn, and arrested the company's agent in this city, its secretary, the ship's captain and three officers, the doctor, the chief engineer and twenty-one members of the crew and took the crew away handcuffed in pairs.

The twenty-nine prisoners have several indictments against them for violating the immigration laws and conspiracy to smuggle undesirable aliens into this country. Nicholas A. Gabanos, the agent, whose office is at 65 Broad street, Manhattan, was bailed by a surety company in \$20,000, and Alexander Castrosio, his clerk, in \$11,000. Capt. Gekas Koulouras and First Officer Ionas Kalafatis gave \$10,000 bail each and Chief Engineer Pietro Kyriakos \$1,000.

The two other officers, Demetris Tambara and Chirifolia Boghianos, Dr. Erasmus Biskobatos and the crew, who brought the total bail demanded up to \$185,000, could not furnish bonds.

For three months according to Assistant District Attorney Allen, the Government has been investigating charges of the smuggling in of aliens by steamship companies. The investigation showed Mr. Allen says that hundreds of men and women who have been sent back to Greece by the authorities at Ellis Island have paid from 200 to 500 francs for being brought over and smuggled into the United States. Mr. Allen says that he has ample evidence that the smuggling in of immigrants has been done with the knowledge of the company, its officers and crews, either by shipping the aliens as of the crew or as stewardesses or by hiding them in coal bunkers or in other places.

The Government officials were at the Hellenic company's dock in the Atlantic Basin yesterday to meet the Athina. A dozen immigration inspectors had boarded the ship at Quarantine and when she was made fast Inspector Seraphic told the agent, who was returning from abroad, that he was under arrest. Then followed the arrest of the clerk, doctor, captain and others.

"Now muster your crew on the upper deck," ordered the marshal, and the surprised and protesting captain did so. Out of the fifty men lined up twenty-one were called by name to step forward and be handcuffed in pairs. One later had his handcuffs removed and was allowed to stay aboard and attend to the engines.

The 120 passengers saw the captain and half his crew march down the gang-plank and up Union street. There a crowd of Italians joined the procession and followed noisily to Columbia street, where the prisoners were put into a cross-town car. They were taken to the Post Office Building and later were arraigned before Justice Chaffetz of the United States Circuit Court.

A C. Cass & Apple, the company's attorneys, said that the arrest was spiteful work on the part of the Government. He said that the investigation was done by one of the company's discharged employees, who was bounced because of a complaint from Commissioner Williams. This investigator, Cass declared, was afterward employed by the Government and managed to get into the Hellenic offices by telling the night watchman that he was still employed there. Cass said that this man stole papers, books and letters and turned them over to the immigration authorities.

The immigration authorities asked the captain of the Themistokles, a sister ship of the Athina, to muster his crew last December, but the captain refused.

## FOR \$25,000,000 HIGHWAY.

Du Pont Project in Delaware Starts Talk of a Road From New York to Washington.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 25.—With the arrival to-day from New York of T. Coleman du Pont, president of the Du Pont Powder Company, who has offered to advance \$25,000,000 to this State for the construction of a modern highway the entire length of the commonwealth, it was announced that a company with a capitalization of \$25,000,000 will shortly be organized in Delaware. The purpose of this company, of which New Yorkers are at the head, is to build a boulevard between New York and Washington. The promoters are endeavoring to interest Mr. du Pont in this movement.

It is the intention to build a highway 140 feet wide between New York and Washington at a cost of \$45,000 a mile. It is planned to have separate divisions for commercial and pleasure motor cars, trolley lines and vehicles. They will travel in opposite directions.

There are to be no grade crossings of highways. J. M. Frete, local representative of the promoters, said to-day the plans were being pushed and that the big concern would soon be incorporated.

This proposition is separate from that of Mr. du Pont. He will confer with ex-Attorney-General Richards here to-morrow and reach a conclusion. Then he will probably send a communication to Gov. Pennell with his project and the Governor will probably send a special message based thereon to the Legislature.

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